



City Of Scottsdale
JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE
Meeting
Notice and Agenda

MARKED AGENDA

5:30 PM, Thursday, May 6, 2010
Human Resources Verde Room
7575 E. Main Street

CALL TO ORDER - 5:55 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Gordon Griller, Chairperson; Judge Jean Hoag; Francis Scanlon.

PRESENT: Gordon Griller, Judge Jean Hoag, Francis Scanlon

1. DISCUSSION OF INITIATIVES TO RECOMMEND TO THE FULL JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS ADVISORY BOARD (JAAB) FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JUDICIAL REAPPOINTMENT PROCESS.

The JAAB Subcommittee will consider the processes and procedures presently used in considering City judges for reappointment and recommendations to the City Council, and consider initiatives for recommendation to the full JAAB for possible changes to those processes and procedures.

Action: For information, discussion, and possible action by the subcommittee and/or direction to staff.

The JAAB subcommittee took the following actions regarding initiatives to recommend to the full JAAB for consideration:

- A) Recommend an amendment to the City Ordinance which creates and outlines the duties and responsibilities of JAAB (Chapter 2, Division 13) to clearly recognize the City Court as part of an integrated Arizona Judicial Branch as well as being part of City Government.**

APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Scanlon; 2nd Board Member Hoag

- B) It shall be the policy of the JAAB that one or more Board members, as designated by the JAAB Chairperson, shall personally meet with the Mayor and each City Councilmember following any formal recommendations by the Board to appoint, evaluate, retain or not retain a judge of the City Court to convey the decisions of the Board and answer any questions.**

APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Hoag; 2nd Board Member Scanlon



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- C) Recommend that the JAAB explore a self-assessment tool and an evaluation committee for mentorship purposes for inclusion as parts of the judicial reappointment process.
APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Hoag; 2nd Board Member Scanlon
- D) Recommend that the JAAB explore using online surveys when appropriate as a possible way to improve survey return rates.
APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Scanlon; 2nd Board Member Hoag
- E) Recommend that the JAAB include in its walk around meetings with City Council, as a talking point, the merits and cautions of using certain performance measures (i.e. appeal rates and change of judge notices) in the judicial reappointment process.
APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Hoag; 2nd Board Member Scanlon
- F) Recommend that the JAAB formally petition the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court to create a model city ordinance for citizen judicial performance oversight boards embracing and clarifying the importance of city courts as part of the Arizona Judicial Branch in addition to operating as a component of city government.
APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Hoag; 2nd Board Member Scanlon
- G) Explore collaborating with other city court judicial performance review groups in the Valley to discuss issues of mutual concern toward improvement of their respective responsibilities and duties.
APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Hoag; 2nd Board Member Scanlon
- H) Recommend that the JAAB include in its walk around meetings with City Council, as a talking point, its continued support for 2/2/4 year terms for Associate City Judges.
APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Scanlon; 2nd Board Member Hoag
- I) Recommend that the JAAB consider advocating, in concert with the Administrative Office of the Arizona Courts, the AZ League of Towns and Cities, and the Superior Court presiding Judges of each county, a visitation program for all newly elected city officials in Arizona about the role and function of city courts and possibly the development of a pamphlet or brochure for the same purpose.
APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Hoag; 2nd Board Member Scanlon
- J) Recommend that the JAAB issue a standing invitation to the Presiding Judge to attend each public meeting, start to end, when Associate City Judges are being considered for retention.
APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Hoag; 2nd Board Member Scanlon
- K) Recommend that the JAAB formally petition the Chief Justice of the AZ Supreme Court to update and clarify Administrative Order No. 2005-32, Presiding Judges Authority relating to Municipal Courts.
APPROVED: 3-0; motion by Board Member Scanlon; 2nd Board Member Hoag

ADJOURNMENT – APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M.

*Note: The Subcommittee cannot discuss items not on the posted agenda, including items brought up as Board, subcommittee, staff or public comments, if any. If action by the Board is needed, the item should be placed on a future agenda in compliance with the Arizona Open Meetings Law.



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